

REMARKS

Applicant has canceled claims 1-19 and added new claims 20-28 pursuant to an interview with the Examiner on April 6, 2006. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his time and consideration in the interview, a summary of which is attached to this Amendment. As the Examiner agreed in the interview, the apparatus recited in claims 20-23 is not disclosed or suggested by any of the art of record, either alone or in combination. Applicant has added further dependent claims 24-28 directed to various features described in the specification. Applicant is submitting a terminal disclaimer with this Amendment to overcome the double patenting rejection based on Applicant's U.S. Patent No. 6,912,737. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and such is earnestly requested.

The foregoing amendments involve no new matter. For the Examiner's convenience, the following portions of the specification are referenced to support the respective recitations in the claims:

Claim 20

a substantially liquid-impermeable hand enclosure having a hand aperture therein,

said aperture opening into a first interior space of said hand enclosure

(Page 9, paragraph 51 *et seq*; and Figs. 1A, 1B);

a pad **(Page 7, paragraph 43 *et seq*; and Figs. 1A - 16)** comprising: (a) a

waterproof shell **(Page 7, paragraph 44 *et seq*; and Figs. 1A, 1B, and**

4), said waterproof shell having a shell orifice defined by a rim of said

waterproof shell, said shell orifice opening into a shell receptacle space

(Page 7, paragraph 43 *et seq*; and Figs. 1A, 1B, 4, 11, and 12); (b) a

liquid reception panel enclosed substantially within said shell receptacle space (**Page 7, paragraph 44; and Page 8, paragraph 50, *et seq*; and Figs. 1A, 1B, 2, 4, and 6A – 9B**); and (c) an absorbent material situated within said shell receptacle space and secured in substantial juxtaposition with said liquid reception panel (**Page 7, paragraph 44; and Fig. 4**) said pad being affixed to an outer surface of said hand enclosure (**Page 6, paragraph 43, *et seq*; and Figs. 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 5A, 5B, and 11 - 14**).

Claim 21

wherein said hand enclosure is sized and shaped for, upon inverting thereof, the formation of a second interior space defined by said outer surface and sized for reception of said pad fully within said second interior space (**Page 8, paragraph 48, *et seq*; and Figs. 5A – 5D**).

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wherein said rim of said pad is pre-contoured to conform to para-urethral physiology of a human female (**Page 5, paragraph 17; Page 7, paragraph 43, *et seq*; and Figs. 1A, 1B, 5A, 5B, 11, 12 and 16**).

Claim 24

wherein the shape of said pad is concave (**Page 4, paragraph 16; Figs. 1A, 1B, 5A, 5B, 11, 12, 14-16**).

Claim 25

wherein the shape of said pad is ovoid (**Page 7, paragraph 45; Figs. 1A, 1B, 5A, 5B, 6A-9A, 11, 12, 15**).

Claim 26

wherein said absorbent material comprises hydrophilic gel (**Page 7, paragraph 44-45; Fig. 4**).

Claim 27

wherein said absorbent material comprises a super-absorbent polymer (**Page 7, paragraph 44-45; Fig. 4**).

Claim 28

wherein said hand enclosure is invertible and closeable about said pad, and wherein said pad has an ovoid, concave shape configured for collecting a urinary discharge (**Page 8, paragraph 48; Figs. 5A-5D**).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees for this submission or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3483.

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